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## WATER BOND ISSUE.

In less than two years after voting bonds to the amount of \$90,000 to purchase a water plant, taxpayers are amazed at the demand suddenly made upon them to authorize an additional issue of bonds for water purposes. And this demand is made in the face of a record of high expenses. Let citizens compare the expenditures for fire protection, police and other purposes with the expenditures of three years ago, and note the advance that has been made in the direction of extravagance. Taxpayers may well ask, where is this thing going to stop? Councilman Murray has been at odds with some of his colleagues for some time past on the question of public expenditures. Councilman Chabot labored hard to make the economic showing for the police department that he did while chairman of the Police Committee, and is much grieved to find his saving efforts swept to the winds. Councilman Farrand is endeavoring to put the brake on public expenditure, and Councilman Davis is trying to help him.

The water bond proposition affords Councilman Murray, Chabot, Farrand and Davis an opportunity to call an effectual halt, which the taxpayers now demand. Water mains can be extended as necessity requires without a big plunge into bonds. The people who now enjoy water privileges and fire protection have no desire to deprive other sections of the town of such privileges, but at the same time they can see through the weakness of the argument that is based on such deprivation, in the efforts to force a bond issue and bring about a big pipe-laying job at the present time. There is one thing that ought to be clearly demonstrated before the big job is inaugurated. Less than two years' time is not ample to arrive at a proper estimate of the economic wisdom of embarking in town ownership of a water plant. It is frequently asserted that the scheme is about to succeed, but it requires the figures of an expert accountant to prove it beyond question, and no such figures have been produced. Statements are made from time to time of the great saving in the consumption of water, but a discreet silence is maintained about the menace of an epidemic of malignant typhoid fever that has ever prevailed by shutting off the flushing of the sewers in order to reduce the consumption of water.

No one knows to-day whether the per capita cost of distributing water in Bloomfield is more or less under municipal ownership than it was under corporate ownership. No explanation is offered of how it is that in the short time the water business has been under the control of town officials that such a large sum of unpaid water rates has accumulated. These are all important matters that the citizens are entitled to know about. If there is necessity for a studied effort to conceal knowledge of these things from the people who own the water plant and must pay for its operation, there is ground for suspecting that things are not as they ought to be, and where there is ground for suspicion the people will rightly hesitate before handing over another large sum of money to be sunk in a venture of a doubtful character. There is need of more light on the methods of operating the water plant, and much every detail of it is made clear there should be a determined opposition to the water bond issue.

It is an unfortunate condition of municipal politics that compels the people to turn to a part of the council to protect them from the machinations of an other party, but such seems to be the case in this proposition to engage the town in a big pipe-laying job.

Golf in Glen Ridge.  
The Glen Ridge Golf Club opened the season Saturday afternoon with a handicap sweepstakes, which was won by R. B. Gordon with a net score of 81. The scores were:

R. B. Gordon	100	19	81
H. M. Edwards	98	16	88
E. T. Merritt	100	19	82
J. C. Moore	102	19	78
H. B. Davis	99	14	85
Robert Mitchell	100	19	84
D. C. Moore	100	19	84
W. G. Thomas	98	15	87
John Newell	105	18	87
C. W. Hoyes	102	14	88
J. C. Moore	102	14	88
C. A. Ames	100	21	88
W. B. Seymour	100	15	90
L. C. Moore	102	15	90
G. F. Flack	112	20	92
E. Benedict	112	20	92
E. C. Conner	112	20	92
D. Smith	100	6	98
George Linn	107	22	104

Safe at San Francisco.  
Charles W. Whitney, a former resident of this town, who has been a resident of San Francisco, Cal., for several years, was heard from Wednesday in a telegram to his mother, Mrs. F. H. Whitney, stating that he was well and safe. Word was also received from Walter Caushbrook, son of John Caushbrook, who was also located in San Francisco, saying he was safe.

The Other Side of Things—Business.  
In case a man has taken an unfair advantage of another in an exchange of property, or in a contract of labor or performance of any sort, a common defense is "business is business," meaning thereby that in such cases, if one party is inexperienced, or uncautious, or for any other reason has gotten the worst end of an unfair bargain, he has no ground for complaint.

The strange part of it is that some of these are men who stand for gentleness toward children and cripples, who stand for clean personal habits in moral conduct, who would take the law to the rail road company that sold them ten-trip tickets and refused to give more than nine rides, who would strongly condemn a butcher or grocer for short weight and insist on having the shortage made good. In a word, they are men who recognize righteousness as the rule of conduct in all cases, except when they can drive a "sharp bargain" with the advantage on their side.

It is commonly reported that there are men and women in our churches, as well as in our prisons, of that sort. If so, whether in church or out, they are men and women who need to get hold of a new meaning of the word "sacred." A real Christian, whether in church or out, holds all his life as sacred, including every business transaction, great or small. If not, his "religion" this Christianity, his [righteousness] needs revising with a "big stick." "Business is business" is only a coward's way of trying to "hedge" against some "devilishness." We might just as well call things by their right names.

F. W. HENNES.

Park House.

The Northern Realty Company owns six hundred feet of land along Glenwood avenue fronting the county park, known as Watsessing Park. It is understood that when the plans of the County Park Commission are fully carried out in connection with this park, Glenwood avenue along the park property will be an asphalted boulevard of fine appearance. The company has under consideration a proposition for the erection of a first-class boarding house fronting the park, to be known as the Park House, and to be conducted on the plan of the Aldine and other first-class boarding houses in East Orange.

The projectors of the scheme contemplate a \$25,000 building, affording comfortable apartments for about fifty guests. One of the conditions is that at least 250 feet of ground shall be reserved for the Park House, and that nothing less than \$4,000 dwellings shall be erected in the same block with the Park House, and that all dwellings must be single family dwellings and on no less than fifty feet front plots. The site upon which it is proposed to erect the Park House, if the scheme is carried out, is about ten minutes' walk from Bloomfield Centre, and about the same distance from the Erie station in East Orange.

The Northern Realty Company has given out the contract for the extension of Willow street through its property from Prospect street to Glenwood avenue. The contract is for the macadamizing of the street and flagstone walk on both sides. J. Richard Maxwell has the contract for the flagstone sidewalk on the Glenwood avenue front and the stone on the ground.

## Selecting Appointments.

Governor Stokes devoted most of his time Tuesday to preparing the list of the sixty-three men whom he must select before next Tuesday for the county boards of equalization which the last Legislature authorized him to appoint. The Governor is not at all embarrassed by want of applicants for the places, for their number is legion, but he is endeavoring to obtain men qualified to perform the most important work which the boards are expected to perform. Herein lies his greatest difficulty, as it is a hard task to secure men of the calibre he desires who are willing or who can afford to devote the time the equalization will require for the salaries which the positions will pay.

When the bill authorizing the appointment of the boards was before the House it was opposed on the ground that there was no real necessity for such bodies, as the State Board of Equalization was perfectly able and had ample time to perform all the work the county boards were authorized to do. This led to the impression that the positions would be something of a snap, like the State board of assessors, for instance, where the clerks do all the work, and that about all the members would have to do would be to approve what the clerks did and draw the salaries. But a study of the law reveals the fact that a position on the county board would be very hard work and that a man who respected his oath of office and undertook to perform the duties of the place would have very little if any time to devote to other business, especially in the larger counties.

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Montclair's New License Ordinance.  
The town of Montclair has always held an advanced position on the question of excise laws. The town at one time went to the extreme of adopting a local option. The excise ordinance in force here was patterned after the Montclair ordinance, and was considered a great advance on former conditions. Montclair has taken another upward step in the matter of excise, and the following are the chief features of the new excise ordinance in force there:

The license fee has been raised to \$600. This is an increase of \$20 over former years. It is said that \$600 is the compromise price, as a couple of the Councilmen wanted the license fixed at \$1,000. It was finally settled in the conference room. Storke's licenses remain at \$400, and they may also sell liquor now by the pint, where heretofore a quart was the smallest quantity they could dispose of to patrons.

No dealer is permitted to sell to any person under twenty-one years of age, neither will boys or girls be allowed to remain in a saloon, under penalty of a revocation of the license. Any saloon-keeper who sells liquor to a person known in the vicinity as an habitual drunkard, who harbors suspicious characters, or who becomes intoxicated in his own place of business, will forfeit his license.

Licenses will begin in the future on July 1 and expire on June 30. Heretofore they were issued on the first Monday in July. Druggists can only sell liquor on a physician's prescription.

Places where liquors are sold must close between the hours of 12 o'clock midnight and 6 o'clock A. M., and on Sundays and on election days. When closed there must be an unobstructed view of the bar from the street.

A new provision incorporated in the ordinance is one forbidding liquor sellers to supply policemen or firemen with liquor while on duty, under penalty of forfeiture of their license.

Library Notes.

Many birds have been seen in Bloomfield even thus early, but both spring and summer visitors, natives of many climes may now be seen in the reading room of the library. Also a poster bearing Breton's beautiful picture, "The Song of the Lark," and an extract from Shelley's "To a Skylark," with a reading list on birds.

"Little Wanderers," by M. W. Morley, tells the little folks of seeds that fly, of those that are moved by the wind, and of others carried by birds, and describes the propagation of plants by seeds that travel.

L. H. Bailey, in his "Outlook to Nature," preached "the near at hand, however plain and ordinary—the sky to rain and sun, the birds on its nest and the nest on its bough, the rough bark of trees . . . the sweet wind, the leaf that clings to its twig or that falls when its work is done. Wisdom flows from these as it can never flow from libraries and laboratories. If we open our mind toward nature, it will sweeten and strengthen our lives."

He quotes one of the new sayings of Jesus: "Hale the stone and there thou shalt find me; cleave the wood and there am I."

The book is well written, and is restful even very suggestive.

The author of that story of mystery "The House on the Hudson," gives us a somewhat similar tale of detention in "The Prison of Ornith Farm," the "Arrolife Puzzle" is a really good detective story, as it is not evident from the start who was the chief sinner. Mannerly, the hero-villain of "The Motor Pirate" reappears like Sherlock Holmes, after an apparently fatal catastrophe and perpetrate an amazing variety of violent deeds, as captain of the motor-boat "The Conqueror."

"The Day Dreamer," by the popular writer of Princeton stories, Jessie Lynch Williams, is the continuation of a play called "The Stolen Story," the little tale one incident of which was taken from a short tale published nearly a decade ago. In magazine form it appeared under the title "News and the Man."

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NO RESERVED SEATS.

Tickets may be obtained from Edgerley & Gilson, Thomas Albinson, Wood's Drug Store, Keyler's Drug Store, Saille's Drug Store, Leopold Bloch, Harris Bros., Baldwin Bros., Bloomfield; Nathan Russell, Glen Ridge; Bush's Music Store, Montclair.

## CARE OF THE EAR.

Never put anything in the ear for the relief of toothache.

Never wear cotton in the ears if they are discharging.

Never apply a poultice to the inside of the canal of the ear.

Never drop anything into the ear unless it has been previously warmed.

Never use anything but a syringe and warm water for cleansing the ear.

Never strike or box a child's ears.

This has been known to rupture the drumhead and cause incurable deafness.

Never wet the hair if you have any tendency to deafness. Wear an oiled silk cap when bathing and refrain from diving.

Never scratch the ears with anything but the finger if they itch. Do not use the head of a pin, hairpins, pencil tips or anything of that nature.

Never meddle with the ear if a foreign body enters it. Leave it absolutely alone and have a physician attend to it.

## ALL HE NEEDED.

A number of Wall street men at luncheon one day were discussing the remarkable ability of a certain operator in the street to weather any financial storm.

"Why?" said one of the financiers, "that chap's a wonder. I don't know how many times he's had him against the wall, yet he always contrives to get away."

"I have heard it said," observed another, "that Blank is resourceful enough to make a living on a desert island."

"Yes, he could do that, too," affirmed the first speaker, "if there were another man on the island."—Harper's Weekly.

## OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

The Washington correspondent hastily called up the cabinet officer by telephone.

"Pardon me for disturbing you, Mr. Blank," he said, "but will you please tell me whether or not the rumor that is in circulation as to your retirement is true?"

"Yes, sir," answered the cabinet officer. "It is. I was just about to retire when you called me. Good night."

—Chicago Tribune.

## A Shortened Courtship.

"Sir, I understand there is a sort of courtship on between you and my daughter."

"Yes, sir; I—"

"Well, I don't approve of it; cut it short!"

And that night the young man eloped with the object of his affections.—Houston Post.

## HOW THE COOLNESS BEGAN.

Little Girl—Here's another closet. Haven't we got lots of 'em in our house? Neighbor's Little Girl—Yes. My mamma says there's a skeleton in one of 'em. Let me see it, will you?

## COMFORTING.&lt;/